# City of Lafayette Staff Report

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| **For:** | City Council |
| **By:** | Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner |
| **Date Written:** | October 7, 2008 |
| **Meeting Date:** | October 14, 2008 |
| **Subject:** | Proposed Projects for Miscellaneous Grant Application Submittals |

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## Introduction / Discussion

The Circulation Commission met on October 7, 2008 and considered proposed future grant project submittals. Staff prepared a report, attached. The Commission supported staff's recommendation and agreed to forward a recommendation of support to the City Council.

## Fiscal Impact

Caltrans' Bicycle Transportation Account funds 90% of the total cost of a project. Local agencies must provide a minimum 10% match. Although staff has not yet developed a cost-estimate to accompany the grant application, at this time we estimate that the local match requirement would be approximately $10,000.

The Transportation Development Act, Article 3 funds do not require any matching funds.

## Recommendation

1. Receive and file.

## Attachments

1. May 27, 2008 Circulation Commission staff report by Leah Greenblat

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| **For:** | Circulation Commission |
| **By:** | Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner |
| **Date Written:** | September 29, 2008 |
| **Meeting Date:** | October 6, 2008 |
| **Subject:** | Proposed Projects for Miscellaneous Grant Submittals |

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**Introduction / Discussion**

The City received or expects to receive notices for several solicitations for transportation grant funding. After reviewing the grant requirements and considering possible projects, staff proposes submitting the following projects.

*Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA):* BTA are state transportation funds distributed by Caltrans. BTA funds a variety of bicycle improvement projects that improve conditions for bicycling commuting such as bike lanes, trails and routes. Only jurisdictions with an adopted bike plan that has been approved by Caltrans are eligible to apply. The City has not received funds from this program previously. At its September 22, 2008 meeting the Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommended that the City seeks funds to implement the following high priority (as designated in the Bikeways Master Plan) bike route signage projects: Happy Valley Road and Pleasant Hill Road and if funding allows Camino Diablo Boulevard. Staff supports the BPAC's recommendation and priority.

*Transportation Development Act, Article 3(TDA):* TDA funds come from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and are reviewed by a countywide committee composed of municipal staff and members of the public. The program funds pedestrian and bicycle improvements that are relatively small in nature due to the small size of grant awards. The City has regularly received funding for its projects. The TDA program requires a local or county bicycle advisory committee review of candidate projects. At its September 22, 2008 meeting, the BPAC considered several projects for submitting applications. The BPAC recommended that the City apply for funds to extend the Stanley Boulevard/Springbrook sidewalk from Barott Road to Warner Court. (The City previously received State Safe Routes to School funds to construct the sidewalk from Camino Diablo to Barott Road.) Staff supports the BPAC's recommendation.



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As of this writing, no design or detailed engineering has been done on these projects; as such, planning level cost estimates are very general, conceptual scopes of work will be submitted for the application. .

**Fiscal Impact**

None.

**Recommendation**

1. Forward a recommendation of support to the City Council for submitting grant applications.

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